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Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame Announces Induction of 2006 Honorees

(Angola, LA) Department of Public Safety and Corrections Secretary Richard L. Stalder, Louisiana State Penitentiary Warden Burl Cain and The Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation are proud to announce that on July 29, 2006, the following individuals will be inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame.

Chief Judge Helen B. Berrigan – 1994 Presidential appointee to serve as U. S. District Court Judge in the Eastern District of Louisiana; became Chief Judge in 2001.

Bernard Edwards Boudreaux, Jr. – Elected in 1981 to the position of District Attorney for the Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary, served in that capacity until 2000.

Sheriff William Earl Hilton – Has served the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office for 34 years; elected Sheriff of Rapides Parish in 1992 and presently serves in that capacity.

Dr. Theodore J. Jemison – 54 years of service to the Baton Rouge community, known to many as a visionary leader and civil rights pioneer.

Justice Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball -- Elected in 1992 to the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

United States Senator Mary Landrieu – Elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1979; served 2 terms as Louisiana State Treasurer; became the first woman from Louisiana to be elected to a full term in the United States Senate in 2002.

Sheriff Harry Lee – Served as United States Magistrate 1971-1975; Jefferson Parish Attorney 1976-1979; has served as Sheriff of Jefferson Parish since 1980.

Judge Kaliste Saloom, Jr. – Served more than 50 years as Judge of the Lafayette City Court; assisted in drafting the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and the Louisiana Children's code.

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Judge E. Gordon West (posthumously) – 1961 Presidential appointee to U. S. District Court Judge in the Middle District of Louisiana; served as Chief Judge of Middle and Eastern Districts.

A full day of tribute and appreciation for the great personal and professional sacrifices and commitments made to ensuring justice in the great State of Louisiana as well as to our great nation is planned to begin with a 2:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. An Open House follows to provide the general public, inductees, family and friends an opportunity to view the unveiling of exhibit cases featuring photos, mementos, special events and special recognitions of each esteemed inductee. The induction activities start at 5:00 pm at the Hemingbough Convention Center in St. Francisville, Louisiana, with a wine and cheese reception featuring live entertainment, followed by the Induction Banquet and program at 6:00 pm. Tickets for the Hemingbough event are **only** \$35.00 per person. Seating is limited so please contact the Angola Museum at 225.655.2592 for reservations and information.

The Justice Hall of Fame opened in 2005 and is housed in the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum, which has attracted thousands of visitors since it opened in April of 1998. The unique museum was established to preserve the past and to educate the general public about the role that the maximum-security prison has played in our state's history. It is appropriate that the Justice Hall of Fame, which honors and acknowledges the men and women of Louisiana who have served their community, state and nation in the honorable professions of law enforcement, judiciary, corrections and related fields, has a home here.

A special Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Benefactor Award will be presented to the Jimmie Davis Band members Ted Jones, Gene King, Jessie Middleton, Mike Estep, Wayne Cox, Renee White, Margaret (Maggie) Lewis Warwicke, James Wilson, Gary Goss, Al Harris and Kenny Gill. The Jimmie Davis Band provided the entertainment at the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame's Inaugural 2005 Induction Ceremonies and we are delighted to have them provide the entertainment again this year.

For more information on this event, the prison museum or correctional facilities in general, contact Cathy Fontenot at the above number.

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